धन मीटर के लक्ष्य की तुलना में 148.41 मिलियन टन मीटर हुआ था। कच्चा तेल राजस्थान में वाणिज्यिक मात्रा में नहीं पाया गया है।

Shortage of Asphalt in Gujarat

2548. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of asphalt in Gujarat for the last few years;

(b) whether it is a fact that sometimes there is sufficient production, but there is no satisfactory arrangement for its supply resulting in slow progress of development works; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to augment the supply of asphalt to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF- PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bitumen supplies to Gujarat are on ex-MI basis, i.e. the customer arranges the transportation and the oil companies are loading the trucks reporting at the supply point. Accordingly, the oil companies are making supplies as per the number of State Government trucks reporting for upliftment of Bitumen of at the refinery.

Production Sharing Contracts with Private Companies

2549. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently signed production sharing contracts for 18 oil exploration blocks covering an area of around 50,000 sq. km. with 16 private companies;

(b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions fixed for such contracts;

(c) the details of oil likely to be produced under such contracts and to what extent it would effect the country's dependability of imports; and

(d) to what extent it would neutralise the effect of the economic sanctions imposed on India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR):'

(a) Government of India had recently conveyed to concerned companies its willingness to sign Production Sharing Contracts for 18 exploration blocks. Out of these, contracts for 6 exploration blocks have been signed on 30.6.98.

(b) The contracts of oil and gas exploration blocks are Production Sharing Contracts with.a contract period of upto 25 years. The Government of India would have the first right of refusal in respect of the oil produced -under these contracts with companies being pald for their share of oil at international- prices. Provision for participation by ONGC/ OIL in. the venture at the exploration and/or the development stage has been made and ONGC/OIL can take a participating interest up to 40% in the venture. Provisions have also been made for the development of commercially exploitable natural gas resources.

(c) The details of oil production from these blocks will be known only when a commercial discovery is made.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House